

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC FORM 17-C**

**CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE
AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER**

1. February 27, 2024
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number 443
3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-444-210-000
4. CHINA BANKING CORPORATION
Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
5. Philippines 6. SEC (Use Only)
Province, Country or other jurisdiction of Industry Classification Code:
incorporation
7. China Bank Bldg., 8745 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City 1226
Address of principal office Postal Code
8. (02) 8885-5555
Issuer's telephone number, including area code
9. -- NA --
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Section 8 and 12 of the SRC of Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA
- | Title of each Class | Number of shares of common stock
outstanding and amount of debt outstanding |
|---------------------|--|
| <u>Common</u> | <u>2,691,340,312 shares</u> |

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Item 9

In compliance with your requirements, China Banking Corporation ("China Bank" or the "Bank"), will be releasing to the press the attached statement entitled: **"Chinabank nets P22 billion in 2023, up 15%"**.

- The Bank posted a 15% increase in net income to P22.0 billion, which translated to an improved return on equity and return on assets of 15.5% and 1.6%, respectively.
- China Bank closed the year with P1.5 trillion in assets, up 11%, supported by a 10% expansion in net loans to P772 billion. Meanwhile, deposits increased 11% to P1.2 trillion.
- Total equity increased 12% to P150 billion, with a common equity tier 1 (CET1) ratio of 15.3% and total capital adequacy ratio (CAR) of 16.1%, well above the regulatory minimum requirement. Book value per share grew 12% to P55.82.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Revised Securities Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHINA BANKING CORPORATION

Registrant

Date February 27, 2024


ATTY. LEILANI B. ELARMO

Corporate Secretary

Signature and Title *

* Print name and title of the signing officer under the signature

27 February 2024

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC Headquarters, 7907 Makati Avenue
Salcedo Village, Bel-Air, Makati City

Attention: **1. DIRECTOR VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO, JR.**
 Markets and Securities Regulation Department

2. DIRECTOR RACHEL ESTHER J. GUMTANG-REMALANTE
 Corporate Governance and Finance Department

THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

6th Floor PSE Tower
5th Avenue corner 28th Street
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

Attention: **DISCLOSURE DEPARTMENT**

PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.

29th Floor BDO Equitable Tower
8751 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

Attention: **ANTONINO A. NAKPIL**
 President and CEO

Sir, Mesdames:

We are pleased to furnish your good office with a copy of Chinabank's latest news release, "**Chinabank nets P22 billion in 2023, up 15%**".

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



GERALD O. FLORENTINO

FVP and Head
Investor and Corporate Relations Group

Chinabank nets P22 billion in 2023, up 15%

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2023 Net Income

15.5%
Return on Equity

15.3%
CET-1 Ratio

P55.82
Book value per share

- 15.5% ROE and 1.6% ROA, still among the highest in the industry.
- Sustained core business strength and stable asset quality with better-than-industry NPL ratio of 2.5% and NPL cover of 104%.
- Strong capital position with CET-1 ratio of 15.3% and CAR of 16.1%.
- Book value per share (BVS) grew 12% to P55.82.

China Banking Corporation (Chinabank, PSE symbol: CHIB) saw profits soar to a record P22.0 billion in 2023. Bolstered by higher core business revenues, the bank's net income increased by 15% from 2022 and translated to a return on equity of 15.5% and return on assets of 1.6%—still among the best in the industry.

Net interest income rose 17% to P53.5 billion as the strong growth in loans and investments offset the significantly higher interest expense. Net interest margin was maintained at 4.2%.

With the improving economic conditions, the bank reduced loan loss provisions to P1.2 billion. Asset quality was stable with a 2.5% non-performing loan (NPL) ratio while NPL coverage remained sufficient at 104%.

Operating expenses were 11% higher at P27.0 billion on bigger volume-related taxes and heavier investments in manpower and IT. Simultaneously, substantial overhauls are underway within Chinabank's IT architecture as an integral component of its ongoing digital transformation endeavors. Cost-to-income ratio was at 50%.

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“Our strong growth in 2023 solidifies our position as one of the top four banks in the country,” Chinabank President & CEO Romeo D. Uyan Jr. said. “We remain focused on executing our business strategies while leveraging our investments in digitalization to deliver better services to our customers.”

Total assets hit P1.5 trillion, up 11%, still the 4th largest among privately-owned domestic banks.

Gross loans grew by 10% to P791 billion, with the share of consumer loans to the total loan portfolio now at 23%. On the funding side, total deposits rose 11% to P1.2 trillion with CASA ratio at 48%.

Total equity stood at P150 billion, up 12%, with capital ratios well above the regulatory minimum: 15.3% common equity tier 1 ratio and 16.1% total capital adequacy ratio. Book value per share was at P55.82, up 12%.

“Our continuous drive for operational efficiency and the strong client demand for our services underpin our solid financial performance in 2023. We will continue to strengthen our business fundamentals and capabilities to sustain our growth momentum in the coming years,” Chinabank Chief Finance Officer Patrick D. Cheng said.

Chinabank is among the best-governed publicly listed companies and best employers in the country, winning the Institute of Corporate Directors' Five-Golden Arrow award for the second time in 2023, and the People Management Association of the Philippines' 2023 Employer of the Year. The bank also received international recognition as among the most innovative companies and among the best in the private banking sector: Gold Award for Product Innovation from Infosys Finacle, Big Shift Champion of the Year award from Backbase, and Outstanding Wealth Management Service for the Affluent award from Private Banker International.

About Chinabank: Chinabank opened for business on August 16, 1920 in Binondo, Manila, and is now one of the largest private universal banks in the Philippines. It provides a full range of banking products and services to corporate, commercial, and retail customers through 648 branches and 1,070 ATMs to date, including the 168 branches and 202 ATMs of its savings bank arm CBS. Chinabank also offers a wide range of allied financial services through its subsidiaries Chinabank Capital, Chinabank Securities, Chinabank Insurance Brokers, and affiliate MCBLife. Visit www.chinabank.ph

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